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(b) alkoxymethyl groups comprise at least 5.0 moles of substituent groups attached to pendant nitrogen atoms per mole of monomeric melamine, and

- (c) said alkoxymethyl groups on each melamine unit are methoxymethyl or mixtures of methyoxymethyl and higher alkoxymethyl groups; wherein
- (d) when said composition comprises from 5 to 20 wt. % oligomer, said composition has an imino content of less than 0.20 wt. %;
- (e) when said composition comprises from 20 to 30 wt. % oligomer, said composition has an imino content, I, defined by the algorithm, I ≤ 0.02X 0.2, where X is the weight percent oligomer in the composition and I is expressed in weight percent imino; or
- (f) when said composition comprises from 30 to 50 wt. % oligomer, said composition has an imino content of less than 0.7 wt. %.

In the Specification

Please amend the first full paragraph at page 7 of the Specification as follows:

(Once amended): Alkoxymethyl melamines comprising exclusively methoxymethyl melamine derivatives tend to be crystalline solids at room temperatures depending on purity. These solids can advantageously be solubilized, e.g. with lower alcohols such as methanol, ethanol and propanol, to provide a liquid composition to facilitate formulations. In other cases solid methoxymethyl melamine derivative compositions can be dispersed into dry powder coating compositions or into liquid coating compositions using techniques well known to those skilled in the art.